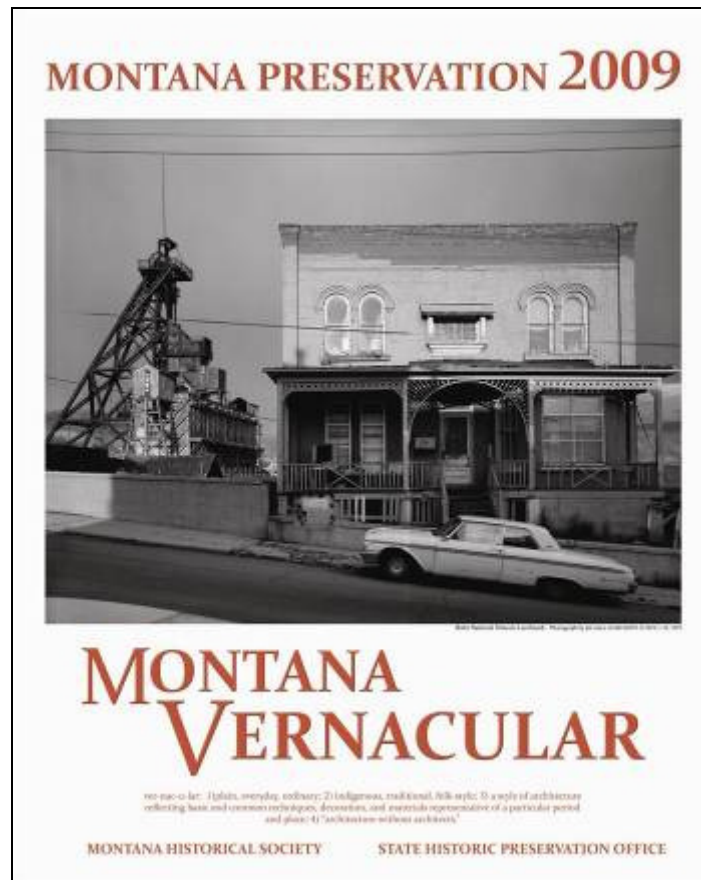


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On the cover:

2009 Montana Preservation poster: *Montana Vernacular*
(Butte National Historic Landmark, Butte, America)

PRESERVE MONTANA:
The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2008-2012
Goals and Objectives

Goal I. EDUCATE: Building a foundation for historic preservation through knowledge and awareness.

Objectives:

1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.
2. Instill awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.
3. Promote learning opportunities with the public and interest groups.
4. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, pre-contact and traditional cultural properties.

Goal II. CELEBRATE: Promoting preservation with recognition, praise, and acknowledgement.

Objectives:

1. Use multi-media to convey historic preservation successes and opportunities.
2. Promote forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.
3. Facilitate recognition of historic properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

Goal III. LOCATE and EVALUATE: Identifying and documenting Montana's significant heritage places worthy of preservation.

Objectives:

1. Survey or support the survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.
2. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's pre-contact, historic and cultural sites.
3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource information.

Goal IV. ADVOCATE: Seeking support of preservation through funding, incentives, and protection.

Objectives:

1. Encourage the integration of historic preservation in planning and policy-making.
2. Promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.
3. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.
4. Implement existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.
5. Seek additional financial resources to supplement funding for historic preservation.

Goal V. COLLABORATE: Working together to preserve Montana's historic, pre-contact, and traditional cultural properties.

Objectives:

1. Reach out to federal, state, tribal, and local public and private stakeholders.
2. Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information.
3. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.
4. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.

Three FY2009 Montana Historic Preservation Highlights

2009 Montana Reinvestment Act invests in Historic Preservation Stimulus Grants

The 2009 Montana Legislature passed House Bill 645, the Montana Reinvestment Act, including \$4 million for a Historic Preservation Competitive Grant Program “for the awarding of grants to public or private entities for the preservation of historic sites within the State of Montana.” The bill, representing the state legislation necessary to implement the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), appears to be unique among all states in creating preservation grants as a result of federal stimulus funding. The Montana Preservation Alliance took the lead in promoting the economic benefits of “hammer-ready” brick-and-mortar preservation projects for economic development in Montana, working hard and successfully with Legislators in both the House and the Senate. The Montana Department of Commerce will oversee the grant program and has recruited the State Historic Preservation Office to assist in the selection process. The deadline for application is November 16, 2009 with awards to be made in 2010. For more information see: <http://recovery.mt.gov/commerce/hpg/default.mcpix>

Three Billings historic building rehabilitations receive highest LEED rating

In July of 2009, the U.S. Green Building Council awarded the historic High Plains Architects Building at 2720 Minnesota Avenue in Billings a platinum certification, its highest rating within the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Previously the Home on the Range (a former grocery store converted to office space at 202 S. 27th Street) won LEED platinum certification and the same is anticipated for the rehabilitation of the historic Swift Building, a nine-unit apartment building on Minnesota Avenue. All three projects involved major renovations of existing historic buildings and were designed by High Plains Architects, owned by Randy Hafer. The three projects place Billings among less than a dozen cities worldwide with three or more platinum certifications. Significantly, the Swift Building is also one of a very few platinum-rated LEED projects that is also applying for historic tax credit certification through the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program.

The 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum meets Butte, America

Butte hosted the 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) conference from June 10 - 13, 2009 – the first annual meeting of this historic architecture and architectural history organization to be held in Montana. Headquartered at Butte’s historic Finlen Hotel, 230 registrants attended the three-day conference, many of whom had not previously visited Montana. The conference included two days of extensive hands-on tours (Butte and regional) followed by a day of 42 professional papers presented at Montana Tech. An opening public reception attended by approximately 325 people and a closing awards banquet capped the many activities. More than two years in the planning, Montana SHPO co-sponsored the event and played a prominent organizational role, led by Community Preservation Coordinator Rolene Schliesman, who served as conference program chair.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; and responsible fiscal management (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, IV.5, V.1, IV.3)

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in allocation and expenditure of FY2009 federal grant allocation (Historic Preservation Fund) to Montana SHPO totaling \$714,098.
- ✓ Ongoing administration of two Preserve America grants received from the National Park Service totaling \$249,979: *Montana Heritage Training Initiative* (2007-2009) and *Montana Places: Expanding the Cultural and Historical Record of Montana* (2008-2010). Administered the majority of these funds as sub-grants to local Preserve America communities.
- ✓ Conclusion of 5-year cost-share agreement with the Bureau of Land Management for electronic cultural resource data-sharing, totaling \$115,000. Initiation of new 5-year agreement with \$108,000 allocation for FY2010.



- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements (8.75 FTE) including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, and archaeology.
 - John Boughton, National Register Coordinator, successfully completed his 6-month new employee probationary period in April 2009, transitioning to permanent state employee status.
 - Roxann Lincoln resigned her position as Preservation Grants Administrator in September 2009 to take a new job in the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Alternative Energy Program. The position will be filled in November.
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences and workshops to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities:
 - Montana History Conference/2008 Montana Preservation Workshop, Glasgow, October 15-18, 2008 (Mark Baumler, John Boughton, Josef Warhank, Rolene Schliesman, Roxann Lincoln)
 - Vernacular Architecture Forum Board Meeting, Washington D.C., November 7-9, 2009 (Rolene Schliesman)

- ESRI ArcInfo Geographic Information Systems software training classes, March 2-6, 2009 (Damon Murdo)
 - Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism, Helena, March 30-31, 2009 (Roxann Lincoln)
 - Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting/conference, Kalispell, April 17-19, 2009 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Damon Murdo, John Boughton, Josef Warhank)
 - Bureau of Land Management Cultural Resource Data Sharing Group conference, Salt Lake City, UT, April 27-May 1, 2009 (Damon Murdo)
 - Mainstreet Preservation workshop: *Living Upstairs in Wyoming*, Sheridan WY, May 11-12, 2009 (Rolene Schliesman)
 - Vernacular Architecture Forum conference, Butte, June 10-13, 2009 (Rolene Schliesman, Pete Brown, John Boughton)
 - Montana Department of Administration Human Resources Training: Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), June 23, 2009 (Mark Baumler)
 - Professional Assistants training seminar, Helena, July 16, 2009 (Marlene Carbis)
 - Montana Department of Administration Human Resources Training: American Disabilities Act (ADA), July 28, 2009 (Mark Baumler, Pete Brown)
 - Cemetery Headstone Preservation Workshop, Benton Ave. Cemetery, Helena, July 31, 2009 (Pete Brown, John Boughton, Rolene Schliesman)
 - 2009 Montana Preservation Workshop: *Preserving Montana's Signature Landscapes*, Great Falls, September 10, 2009 (Rolene Schliesman, John Boughton)
 - National Preservation Institute (NPI) seminar: Section 4(f) Compliance for Historic Properties in Transportation Projects, Portland OR, September 15-18, 2009 (Josef Warhank)
 - Montana Department of Administration Human Resources Training: Labor relations, September 22, 2009 (Mark Baumler)
 - Montana Mainstreet Conference, Helena, September 28-29, 2009 (Rolene Schliesman)
- ✓ Prepared biennial state budget (2010-2011) for historic preservation program within Montana Historical Society agency budget, approved by the 2009 Montana Legislature. Successfully met Legislature performance measures established for 2008-2009 biennium.
 - ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to monitor State Historic Preservation Office budget and expenditures.

PLANNING PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances,

regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.1, I.4, III.2, III.4, IV.1, IV.2, IV.4, V.2, V.4)

- ✓ Researched and prepared documentation, as requested, and provided informational testimony for proposed legislation considered by the 2009 Montana Legislature involving historic properties, including:
 - Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program (SB204): passed
 - Heritage and historic preservation state grant and tourism promotion program (SB190): failed
 - Tribal Cultural Property Rights Act (SB488): failed
 - Siting process for wind energy development (HB584): failed
 - Historic rehabilitation state tax credit increase (HB631): failed
 - Historic preservation interim legislative study (HJR32): passed
 - Historic building preservation competitive grant program: Montana Reinvestment Act (HB645): passed - \$4 million
- ✓ Participated in the planning and establishment of the new Montana Centennial Ranch and Farm Program within the Montana Historical Society, including formulation of application policies. John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, serves as primary point of contact:
<http://mhs.mt.gov/research/library/MTCentFarmRanchProg.asp>
- ✓ Attended first meeting and introduced the SHPO program to the state Education and Local Government Legislative Interim Committee assigned by House Joint Resolution 32 (HJR32) “to conduct an interim study to evaluate the economic impact of historic preservation and strategies for historic preservation” in Montana. Committee will meet through 2010 and prepare report of findings to the next Legislature in 2011.



- ✓ Promoted awareness and use of *PRESERVE MONTANA: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2008-2012* in public and professional forums, to local preservation programs and in preservation education materials (posted online on SHPO website at <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/>).
- ✓ Routinely monitored FY2009 SHPO activities and proposed special projects in accordance with the goals and objectives of the 2008-2012 Montana State Preservation Plan: *PRESERVE MONTANA*.
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on federal, state, and local agency and organization planning and management documents, with respect to goals and objectives in the preservation of Montana heritage properties.

- ✓ Assisted the City of Missoula planning office and Missoula Historic Preservation Commission in research and development of revised local ordinance language for historic preservation.

SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.4, III.1, III.4)

- ✓ 700 new cultural resource reports were acquired and added to the SHPO statewide Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2009, representing 113,100 acres of new survey [FY2008: 146,650 acres; FY2007: 106,615 acres; FY2006: 145,647 acres]. There are presently over 31,000 documents in CRABS.
- ✓ 1285 newly recorded properties were added in FY2009 to the Montana Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) database and statewide inventory maintained in partnership with the University of Montana, Department of Anthropology, Site Records Office. These include 660 new historic properties, 588 pre-contact sites, 21 combination historic/pre-contact sites, as well as 16 paleontological localities. Updated information was collected and registered on an additional 274 previously recorded properties. There are over 49,000 total cultural resource properties recorded in Montana in the state antiquities database.
- ✓ SHPO leant technical and/or staff fieldwork assistance to a variety of FY2009 survey, inventory and assessment efforts, including: The University of Montana (Chinese Archaeological Project at Yogotown on Lewis & Clark National Forest and the University Historical Archaeology Field School at Coloma); documentation of vernacular architecture in Butte and Anaconda (in preparation for the 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum conference in Butte); Montana Department of Transportation (Perma Rock Art site); Montana Preservation Alliance (SE Montana Indian war battlefield assessment study- ABPP grant); Montana Project Archaeology (Fort Parker/Crow Agency I planning study); and the National Park Service (Fort Manual Lisa geo-morphological survey). See also below: FY2009 Special Project – Preserve America survey sub-grants.
- ✓ Marlene Carbis, SHPO Administrative Assistant, completed an Excel spreadsheet of cross-referenced inventory information on Helena residents and addresses from the 1890 and 1900 Polk City Directories. She also compiled a list and information on individual contributing properties and addresses within Helena's historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places.





- ✓ Led by Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager, SHPO continued the transition of the State Antiquities Database to a geographic information system (GIS)/geo-database platform, in partnership with University of Montana Site Records Office and with support of Bureau of Land Management data-sharing program. In

FY2009, initiated GIS spatial digitization of property and survey boundaries and scanning of property records (site forms) in pdf format on a go-forward basis for all newly recorded properties and inventory reports. Established contracts with state Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) for website application development and with University of Montana for additional data entry support in FY2010.

- ✓ Contracted with Chippewa-Cree Tribe, Rocky Boys Reservation (Alvin Windy-Boy, THPO), for planning and development of a tribal workshop for archaeological field training to be held in Spring 2010, focusing on identification, recording and remote-sensing techniques for archaeological sites. SHPO funds will help support the workshop venue and travel for participants from other tribal historic preservation offices around the state.
- ✓ In conjunction with Dr. Ruthann Knudson, Knudson Associates, of Great Falls, SHPO State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth promoted and posted information on the Montana Paleoindian Artifact Recording Project, an initiative to collect systematic inventory information on paleoindian (12,500 – 7,500 BP) projectile points in private collections around the state:
<http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/MTPALEOINDIANSURVEY.pdf>

. FY2009 Special Project: Participate in and contribute to a Montana archaeological field project (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: V.1, V.2).

- ✓ In lieu of an archaeology field school or research opportunity, Josef Warhank, Review and Compliance Officer, participated for three days in a Montana Department of Transportation archaeological mitigation project, August 31-September 2, 2009. Josef assisted in excavations at several tipi ring sites in the Whitewater area north of Malta, under the direction of Aaberg Cultural Resources Consultants.



- ✓ SHPO Mark Baumler volunteered for two days (July 13-14, 2009) of excavation/field recording at the former site of historic Yogotown on the Lewis & Clark National Forest for the University of Montana Chinese Archaeology Project, under the direction of Ph.D. candidate Chris Merritt.

- ✓ SHPO State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth participated in a National Park Service sponsored geo-morphological assessment of the potential location for Fort Manual Lisa near the confluence of the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers, east of Billings, from August 24-26, 2009.

. FY2009 Special Project: Develop and share new guidelines for the use of the Montana Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) site record form and facilitate review and discussion of revisions among cultural resource professionals (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.1, I.3, V.2).

- ✓ In conjunction with University of Montana Site Records Office, revised the Montana Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) historic and archaeological property record form and guidance to better conform with data entry in the State Antiquities Database.
- ✓ Distributed revised CRIS form to agency personnel and consultants for comments and made additional changes.
- ✓ Presented the revised form in its historic context at the 2009 Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting, April 18, 2009 in a delivered paper: *Site Records: Trial and Error* (Damon Murdo, SHPO Cultural Records Manager and Don Merritt, UM Site Records Office Manager).
- ✓ Adopted and posted new Montana Cultural Resource Information System form: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/forms.asp>
- ✓ Ongoing evaluation for further revisions.

. FY2009 Special Project: Support and guide the survey of historic properties, development of historic context, and preparation of National Register nominations through Montana Preserve America grant funding (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: III.1, III.2, III.3)



research and documentation grant is to advance Montana's historical resource information base in order to enhance the foundation for authentic heritage development, interpretation and tourism programs in the state.

- ✓ In May 2008, SHPO was successfully awarded a \$149,979 2-yr grant from the National Park Service Preserve America program in support of *Montana Places: Expanding the Cultural and Historical Record of Montana*. The goal of this
- ✓ In October 2008, following a competitive application process, SHPO awarded \$97,410 in matching grants to six Preserve America communities to conduct historic survey and inventory in 2009-2010 as follows:
 - Great Falls West Bank Urban Renewal Survey \$10,000

➤ Billings Old Town Historic District Survey	\$11,750
➤ Kalispell Main Street Historic District Expansion	\$12,500
➤ Missoula multiple inventory projects	\$23,342
➤ Butte Historic South Central re-inventory	\$25,000
➤ Laurel Downtown Historic District	\$14,818

- ✓ In July 2009, following a request-for-proposals selection process, SHPO contracted with Diane Painter of Painter Preservation and Planning for \$43,000 to conduct an initial reconnaissance survey and inventory of 50 post WW-II (1945-1960) buildings in Montana and to produce a summary report and historic context for this relatively undocumented period of recent historic architectural resources in the state.



- ✓ Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, provided technical assistance to communities, as well as on-site guidance and training to Kalispell (March 19-20, 2009) and Laurel (May 14, 2009), in their survey efforts. Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architectural Specialist, and John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, are jointly overseeing the post-WWII building inventory project.
- ✓ The products of these survey and inventory efforts, some to include National Register nominations, are due in Spring 2010. Approximately 500 newly recorded historic properties are anticipated.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property sign program (2008-2012)
Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.3, III.3)



- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator organized three meetings of the nine-member Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in 2009: Helena (January 14-15, 2009); Red Lodge (May 29-30, 2009); and Lewistown (September 25-26, 2009). Eighteen (18) new draft National Register nominations were reviewed and passed; one was tabled for revisions.

- ✓ New members of the State Historic Preservation Review Board appointed to a 4-year term in FY2009: Jon Axline, Helena (Architectural Historian) and Leslie Gilmore, Gallatin Gateway (Historic Architect). Tim Light, Kalispell (Archaeologist) and Don Matlock, Hamilton (Public representative) were re-appointed for second terms.

- ✓ Nineteen (19) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2009 (by county):



Smith Mine Historic District, Bearcreek, Carbon County	09/30/2009
Eagle Butte School, Fort Benton vicinity, Choteau County***	01/28/2009
Holy Rosary Hospital, Miles City, Custer County	01/15/2009
Wheeler Camp boundary increase, Glacier NP, Flathead County*	10/24/2008
Alice Beck Cabin, Glacier NP, Flathead County*	12/26/2008
Howe's Lake McDonald Cottage Sites, Glacier NP, Flathead Co*	12/26/2008
Sherwood Lodge, Glacier NP, Flathead County*	12/26/2008
Greve's Tourist Cabins, Glacier NP, Flathead County*	12/26/2008
Lake McDonald Lodge Coffee Shop, Glacier NP, Flathead County	10/14/2008
Frank Hagadone Homestead, Missouri River NWS, Fergus County	01/29/2009
Naylor Brothers Ranch, Buffalo vicinity, Fergus County**	12/20/2008
Don E. Olsson House and Garage, Polson, Lake County	01/15/2009
Parberry Block East, White Sulphur Springs, Meagher County	04/22/2009
Point of Rocks Historic Transportation Corridor, Mineral County	09/04/2009
Missoula Downtown Historic District, Missoula County**	08/21/2009
<i>Consisting of 380 contributing historic buildings/structures</i>	
Chicken Creek Farmstead, Clyde Park vicinity, Park County**	12/12/2008
Wold (Cue) Barn, Melrose, Silver Bow County***	01/08/2009
L&L Building, Billings, Yellowstone County	12/19/2008
Oliver Building, Billings, Yellowstone County	12/19/2008

*Recreational Cabins on Lake McDonald Multiple Property Submission

** Assisted with Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) funds

***Assisted with Montana Land Title Association Foundation donation



- ✓ Two Montana National Historic Landmarks (25th and 26th Montana NHLs) were newly designated by the Secretary of the Interior: The Rosebud Battlefield/Where the Girl Saved Her Brother NHL in Big Horn County and the Wolf Mountain Battlefield/Where Big

Crow Walked Back and Forth NHL in Rosebud County (NHL designations October 6, 2008).

- ✓ Historic Preservation Fund dollars and a donation of \$10,000 from the Montana Land Title Association Foundation supported National Register research and preparation of nominations of three properties in FY2009: the Eagle Butte One-

room Schoolhouse near Fort Benton, Choteau County (NR listed January 28, 2009); the Moon-Randolf Homestead near Missoula, Missoula County (NR listing pending); and the Reeds Fort Post Office, Lewistown, Fergus County (NR nomination in progress).

- ✓ Received a renewed \$5,000 donation from Montana Land Title Association Foundation in August 2009 to support continued contract-assisted research and writing of National Register nominations in FY2010.
- ✓ Regularly discussed and met with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks to owners to initiate research and documentation.
- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding Montana properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Updated and revised the Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/register/NRmap/NRmap.htm>
- ✓ Documented and concurred in 215 evaluations of National Register eligibility and 314 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties (i.e., “consensus determinations”) within the context of Section 106 and Section 110 federal inventory under the National Historic Preservation Act.
- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society’s National Register Property Sign Program for the production of 55 new heritage property interpretive plaques. The sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations tax. Many of the state's National Register sign texts can now also be found on the Montana Historical Society [Montana History Wiki](http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts) :
(<http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts>)
- ✓ Regularly assisted in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state.



. FY2009 Special Project: Host the 2009 biennial State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony to honor properties recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places and to acknowledge outstanding preservation efforts and projects (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.2)

- ✓ Led by SHPO National Register Coordinator John Boughton, organized and hosted the 2009 biennial State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony on January 14, 2009 at the historic Myrna Loy Theater (Old City Jail) in Helena with

a reception at the Montana Historical Society immediately following. An estimated 150 people attended.

- ✓ Lt. Governor John Bohlinger assisted in presenting certificates to the owners, authors, or other representatives of 30 properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places over the past two years, representing 20 different counties in the state.



- ✓ Recognition of two newest National Historic Landmark designations in Montana: The Rosebud Battlefield/Where the Girl Saved Her Brother NHL in Big Horn County and the Wolf Mountain Battlefield/Where Big Crow Walked Back and Forth NHL in Rosebud County.



- ✓ Four 2009 Montana State Historic Preservation Awards were awarded to: **The Rialto Theater Restoration Project, Deer Lodge** (Outstanding Local Preservation Project/2009 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation); **Northern Cheyenne Rosebud and Wolf Mountains Battlefields Preservation Committee** (Outstanding

Preservation Advocacy); **The Judith Theater, Lewistown** (Outstanding Preservation Rehabilitation Project); and **Mitzi Rossillon, Butte** (Outstanding Preservation Career).


- ✓ Four recently retired State Historic Preservation Review Board members recognized for their service to the State of Montana: James Rea, Glasgow (2003-2007); Kathy Doeden, Miles City (1999-2007); Paul Filicetti (2000-2008); and H. Rafael Chacon (2000-2008).

DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and the development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.1, IV.5)

- ✓ Collaborated with the Montana Preservation Alliance in providing information on potential "hammer-ready" brick-and-mortar development projects to the 2009 Montana Legislature in the passage of HB645, the Montana Reinvestment Act economic stimulus package. This bill establishes a \$4 million competitive historic preservation grant program under the Montana Department of Commerce for

FY2010-2011 to create jobs and local economic recovery through the rehabilitation of significant Montana historic buildings. Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, will serve on the DOC grant selection committee in FY2010.

- ✓ Expended \$27,000 in matching SHPO support (\$15,000 state funds/\$12,000 HPF) to the preservation of three properties as part of the Montana SHPO Rural Property Brick-and-Mortar Program (aka “Barn Grant” program), in its third year of operation. Those receiving support in FY2009 were the Naylor Brothers Ranch “Big Barn” near Buffalo, Fergus County; the Old Settler’s Barn on the Chicken Creek Ranch, Clyde Park, Park County; and the Fenton Homestead Barn in Sheridan, Madison County.
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- ✓ Provided technical review and comment to the Montana Department of Commerce on twelve historic site preservation project proposals submitted as applications for support in 2009 under the Montana Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (aka TIIP grants). Four historic preservation projects were funded by Commerce for 2009-2010: Hill County Buffalo Jump Preservation Project at the Wahkpa Chu’gn Buffalo Jump site in Havre (\$66,667); reconstruction of the Bourgeois House at old Fort Benton in Choteau County (\$60,000); rehabilitation (boiler replacement) at the historic Post Headquarters building in Fort Missoula, Missoula County (\$50,000); and rehabilitation of the historic Western Heritage Center building in Billings, Yellowstone County (\$29,000).
 - ✓ Provided review and on-site assistance to state agencies for projects involving state heritage buildings on or eligible for the National Register.
 - ✓ Routinely responded to public inquiries regarding historic building repairs and renovations for properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided technical assistance and made field visits to local projects active in planning or implementation in FY2009, including the Rialto Theater in Deer Lodge, the Grandstreet Theater in Helena, the Old Jail Museum (Sanders County Historical Society) in Thompson Falls, and the Whaley Homestead near Stevensville.



- ✓ Provided guidance and information to local communities affected by a string of devastating fires in downtown historic districts in 2009 that destroyed or severely damaged more than a dozen properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places in Bozeman, Whitehall, Miles City, Great Falls and Butte.

- ✓ Attended monthly committee meetings considering plans for maintenance and rehabilitation of the NR-listed Helena/Lewis & Clark County city-county building, a former Federal Building protected under a preservation covenant.
- ✓ SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown made site visits to 14 of 25 Montana historic properties statewide for which active preservation covenants or agreements exist.
- ✓ Participated in the design planning process for a new Montana Heritage Center (Montana Historical Society) building on the state capitol campus, including historic preservation considerations for the rehabilitation of the existing historic MHS Veterans & Pioneers Memorial Building (built 1953), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

. FY2009 Special Project: Research and pursue new funding to continue the Montana SHPO Rural Heritage Property Brick-and-Mortar Grant Program (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives IV.5).

- ✓ Met with Montana Preservation Alliance to discuss future joint fund-raising opportunities for rural property preservation, including the Montana SHPO Rural Heritage Property Brick-and-Mortar Grant Program. Agreed to seek opportunities to collaborate in future fund-raising.
- ✓ Participated in the creation of the Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program within the Montana Historical Society, newly established by the 2009 Montana Legislature (SB204). This program should provide a potential source of donors as well as recipients of grants.
- ✓ Awarded \$20,000 in FY2009 HPF funds under the Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grant Program to two properties for work in 2009-2010: the Adams Stone Barn near Great Falls in Cascade County and the Chicken Creek Ranch in Clyde Park, Park County, both of which will continue preservation work funded in previous years.
- ✓ Rural Heritage properties can qualify for FY2010 brick-and-mortar funding under the Montana Reinvestment Act historic preservation competitive grant program passed by the 2009 Montana Legislature (HB645) and administered by the Montana Department of Commerce (\$4 million).
- ✓ Will continue to pursue new private funding sources to match expected additional HPF fund support of the program for FY2010.



PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.1, Iv.4, V.2)

- ✓ \$306,900 in federal tax credits representing \$1,534,503 in investment in commercial historic property rehabilitations reviewed by SHPO in FY2009.
- ✓ Tax Act credit projects in progress in FY2009 include the St. Josephs Hospital, Lewistown; the Montana Block and Wilmont Building, Livingston; Swift Building and Klos Building, Billings; Flynn Ranch, Missoula; Bill Boll Bungalow, Butte; Manganiello Farm/Chicken Creek Ranch, Clyde Park; and Sears Building, Butte
- ✓ The Marcus Daly (First National) Bank Building in Anaconda, a rehabilitation project undertaken by SMA Architects, submitted their certificate of completion (Part 3) in FY2009.



- ✓ The Judith Theater in Lewistown, a FY2008 Tax Act credit project, received a 2009 Montana State Historic Preservation Award for Outstanding Preservation Rehabilitation Project at the 2009 Biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony in Helena, January 14, 2009.
- ✓ Regularly responded to and met with owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. In FY2009 met onsite with interested owners of the Diamond Block, Howard Block, Shamrock Dairy Warehouse, Broadwater Athletic Club, and Placer Hotel in Helena; the Flynn Ranch in Missoula; the Hirbour Tower in Butte; the Babcock Theater in Billings; the Ford Building in Lima; the IGA Building in Big Sandy; and 452 First St. in Havre.

. FY2009 Special Project: Review Montana's state rehabilitation tax credit program and provide information for possible legislative reform (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives IV.4).

- ✓ Researched and provided technical support and information on request to proponents of HB631, introduced in the 2009 Legislature by Rep. Andrew Blewett of Great Falls, as an Act to increase the state rehabilitation tax credit from 5% to 20% and to provide for transferability of the credit.
- ✓ Gave informational testimony to the 2009 Legislature in committee hearings.

- ✓ HB631 passed the 2009 Legislature House, but was later tabled in Executive Committee by the Senate Taxation Committee. Did not pass.
- ✓ Proponents of HB631 plan to re-introduce state historic tax credit reform legislation in 2011.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: III.2, IV.2, V.1, V.3, V.4)

- ✓ SHPO Review and Compliance staff (Josef Warhank, Stan Wilmoth, Pete Brown, Damon Murdo) reviewed and provided written responses to 1830 compliance project requests under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation law (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). This represents an average of 7.3 written review and compliance consultations per *work day*, roughly equivalent to FY2008. (A single compliance project request may involve one or more individual projects and properties).
- ✓ Of the above total, provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of the 1173 "file search" requests for initial SHPO cultural resource information and/or survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect (Response turn-around rate = 0.53 days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*). These FY2009 file searches involved record searches for a total of 13,539 sections of land.
- ✓ For the remaining 657 Review and Compliance reviews and consultations for project undertakings (e.g., written comments on cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the overall average response turn-around rate in FY2009 was 8.9 *calendar days* per consultation. This average response rate, although greater than in FY2008 (avg. = 7.9 calendar days), is well below the 30-day review time generally allowed for under preservation regulations.



- ✓ Of the 752 (out of 1173) initial project reviews/file searches made in FY2009 where SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or designated applicants, SHPO recommended no further cultural resource work necessary in 588 (78%) cases based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the project areas of potential effects. These projects were able to proceed without further consultation on cultural resource impacts.
- ✓ SHPO participated in the development of and signed nine (9) Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and four (4) Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2009 with federal agencies and other concurring parties for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potentially adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- ✓ Out of the total 1830 project consultations in FY2009, eight (8) federal and three (3) state undertakings resulted in a finding of *adverse effect* to National Register eligible heritage properties. The three state projects were new construction within the University of Montana Historic District (Urey Lecture Hall) and demolitions



at the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs (Department of Administration, pending) and at the Stedman Foundry/Animal Rescue Shelter in Helena (Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, completed). As mitigation for the Warm Springs Hospital demolitions, Montana DOA will undertake HABS (Historic American Building Survey) recording as well as research and documentation of the

remaining historic district. Six of the eight federal undertakings resulting in adverse effects in FY2009 involve historic buildings: installation of monitoring equipment at Chief Mountain Port-of-Entry (General Services Administration/Homeland Security); construction of a new courthouse building in Billings with demolition of an existing eligible historic building (General Services Administration); constructions of a new fire station building and a new mental health care unit at Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital historic district in Helena (Veterans Administration); removal of a root cellar at the National Register-listed Wurtz homestead (Flathead National Forest); and replacement of a patio on the NR-eligible Hurdle cabin (Custer National Forest). In all cases mitigation measures were or are proposed to lessen the loss of or to these buildings. The remaining two federal undertakings resulting in adverse effect findings in FY2009 are the Bonneville Power Administration's Libby-Troy transmission line rebuild on the Kootenai National Forest (archaeological and traditional cultural property mitigation ongoing) and a revised proposal for a natural gas plant construction project adjacent to the Great Falls Lewis and Clark Portage National Historic Landmark in Great Falls (Corps of Engineers; unresolved).

- ✓ Hosted 24 office meetings and participated in 4 teleconference calls with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, tribes, applicants, organizations or other interested parties regarding general programs and specific federal project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties.
- ✓ Made 22 on-site project and meeting visits, as requested by federal and state agencies or proponents for review of pending or ongoing compliance projects.
- ✓ As in FY2008, Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, again participated in a 3-day planning and engineering work session for the ongoing rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road NHL in Glacier National Park, hosted by the Federal Highways Administration in Vancouver, WA, October 7-9, 2008.
- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (trust lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks, the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeders Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the University system.
- ✓ Provided staff support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, including participation in a rules committee teleconference call on December 1, 2008.
- ✓ Four SHPO staff (SHPO Mark Baumler, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo, and National Register Coordinator John Boughton) attended the annual statewide Bureau of Land Management Cultural Resource Program meeting in Billings, May 19-20, 2009, in accordance with the national Programmatic Agreement and Montana state protocol for BLM alternative program compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, V.1, V.3)

- ✓ Passed-through \$78,500 (11%) in financial operational support from Montana SHPO FY2009 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation to 15 Montana

communities and/or counties currently participating in the Certified Local Government program, exceeding the minimum 10% requirement.



- ✓ Communicated regularly with all Montana CLGs during the year. Maintained Montana CLG list-serve for communications.
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of four CLG programs: Bozeman (August 17-18, 2009), Deer Lodge (September 8-9, 2009),

Carbon County-Red Lodge (September 17-18, 2009), and Anaconda-Deer Lodge County (September 22-23). All met or exceeded performance standards.

- ✓ Hosted annual statewide CLG meeting in conjunction with the Montana History Conference in Glasgow, October 15-18, 2008.
- ✓ Provided Anaconda-Deer Lodge County CLG with special assistance in preparation of year end report, annual funding application, and orientation for assistant HPO to help ensure ongoing certification status.

OTHER ACTIVITIES (including OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)

. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: All)

- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, and archaeology to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society.
- ✓ Provided financial support to Montana Historical Society Outreach and Interpretation to conduct three teacher workshops in Preserve America communities for use of the new award-winning Montana history textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*. Workshops held in Kalispell (October 1, 2008), Red Lodge (June 13, 2009) and Miles City (June 15, 2009), focusing on cultural landscapes of Montana's first peoples, tips for "reading" Montana historic architecture, resources available for researching historic places, and ideas for integrating local community historic places in the classroom (SHPO Preserve America *Montana Heritage Preservation Training Initiative* grant funding = \$10,000)
- ✓ Regularly networked online and on phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers



(NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), and the National Park Service (NPS).

- ✓ Co-sponsor of Montana Archaeology Month (April 2009). In conjunction with the Montana Archaeological Society, organized and implemented mailing of 300 Montana Archaeology Week 2009 posters: *Archaeology as Exploration: Solving Mysteries of the Past*.

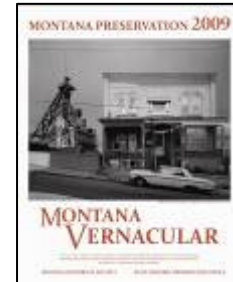
- ✓ Organized and participated in Montana Historical Society *Montana Archaeology Day!* in conjunction with the MHS Outreach & Interpretation/Education program on October 10, 2008 and again on September 29, 2009. Included hands-on demonstrations of pre-contact technology and material culture by SHPO staff and other professionals. Attended by 600 elementary and middle school students and teachers from Helena and surrounding communities.



- ✓ Provided financial operating support to and collaborated with non-profit statewide Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) in various state preservation efforts. Served as ex-officio member of MPA Board and participated in annual NTHP/MPA sponsored statewide preservation coordination meeting. Awarded \$13,000 in SHPO Preserve America grant funding (*Montana Heritage Preservation Training Initiative*) in sponsorship of four MPA preservation workshops for Montana Preserve America communities: Rosebud Battlefield/Warrior Trail Heritage Preservation Workshop in Southeast Montana (September 10, 2008); Bitterroot Parkway/Your Town Workshop in Hamilton (March 12-14, 2009); Teaching an Old School New Tricks: Boulder River School workshop in Boulder (March 28, 2009); and Preserving Montana's Signature Landscapes/2009 Montana Statewide Preservation Workshop in Great Falls (September 10, 2009). Contracted with MPA for research and nomination of Reeds Fort Post office in Lewistown in FY2010.
- ✓ Co-sponsored 2nd Annual Montana Main Street Conference in Helena, September 28-29, 2009 (SHPO Preserve America *Montana Heritage Preservation Training Initiative* grant funding = \$1,000).
- ✓ Participated on planning committee for 2009 Montana History Conference to be held in Great Falls, October 15-17, 2009.
- ✓ Maintained statewide local preservation list-serve with announcements and news related to state and regional preservation events and happenings.
- ✓ Service to boards and special committees or programs of state and other organizations, including: the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the

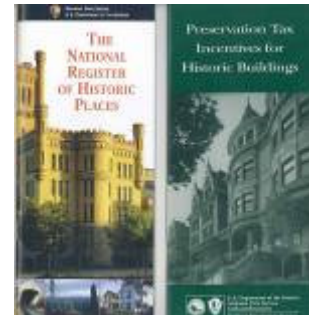
Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the Natural Resource Information System Advisory Board, the Department of Commerce Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program and Historic Preservation Competitive Grant Program selection committees, the Governors 20x10 Energy Initiative agency coordination committee, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and the Montana Preservation Alliance Executive Board.

- ✓ Produced 2009 Montana Preservation poster: *Montana Vernacular*, featuring Butte National Historic Landmark <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/PresWeek.asp> Distributed in conjunction with national Historic Preservation Month to 130 interested parties and at the Vernacular Architecture Forum conference, June 10-13, 2009 in Butte (see below).



- ✓ Regularly prepared or assisted the preparation of press releases for state preservation activities including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public talks and workshops, special events, and grant awards.
- ✓ SHPO staff presentations/public outreach (see also below, FY2009 Special Project: Montana County History Initiative SHPO staff presentations):
 - Mark Baumler, State Historic Preservation Officer
 - Moderator: *Movable Feast* session, Montana History Conference, Glasgow (October 17, 2008)
 - “Ask an Archaeologist,” Montana Archaeology month, Montana Historical Society, Helena (April 4, 2009)
 - “Montana SHPO and Archaeology” class lecture, University of Montana, Missoula (September 24, 2009)
 - Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist
 - “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation” class lecture, University of Montana, Missoula (January 7, 2009)
 - “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation,” Butte Historic Preservation Commission, Butte (January 20, 2009)
 - “Tax Credits and Historic Rehabilitation,” Havre (March 24, 2009)
 - “Historic Preservation – Our Past is Our Future: Perspectives for Developers and Investors” (with J. Leith-Tetrault and N. Kujawa), Montana Downtown Conference, Helena (May 7, 2009)
 - “Federal Tax Credit for Historic Rehabilitation,” Billings Preservation Society, Moss Mansion, Billings (September 30, 2009)
 - John Boughton, National Register Coordinator
 - SHPO Information Booth, Montana Legislature Open-House, Montana Historical Society, Helena (February 23, 2009)
 - SHPO Information Booth, Missoula Heritage Fair (May 9, 2009)
 - Montana Archaeology Day!, Montana Historical Society, Helena (September 29, 2009)

- Roxann Lincoln, Preservation Grants Administrator
 - “*Preservation Grant Funding*,” Montana History Conference-6th Annual Montana Preservation Workshop, Glasgow (October 16, 2009)
- Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager
 - Montana Archaeology Day!, Montana Historical Society, Helena (Oct 10, 2008)
 - “*Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology*,” PEAK (Promoting Enrichment Activities for Kids) program, Helena (November 3-6, 2008)
 - “*State Antiquities Record Management*,” Chippewa-Cree Tribe CRM Training Workshop, Great Falls, (February 24, 2009)
 - “*Ask an Archaeologist*,” Montana Archaeology month, Montana Historical Society, Helena (April 4, 2009)
 - “*Montana Site Records: Trial and Error*” (with Don Merritt, UoM), Montana Archaeological Society conference, Kalispell (April 18, 2009)
 - “*Forensic Archaeology*,” Helena Middle School classes, Helena (May 22, 2009)
 - Montana Archaeology Day!, Montana Historical Society, Helena (September 29, 2009)
- Rolene Schliesman, Community Preservation Coordinator
 - Organizer and Moderator: 6th Annual Montana Statewide Preservation Workshop/Montana History Conference, Glasgow (Oct 16-18, 2008)
 - “*Why Preserve: The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation*,” Billings Preservation Society, Billings (November 19, 2008)
 - “*Identifying Montana’s Architectural Styles*” class lecture, Montana State University, Bozeman (April 8, 2009)
 - SHPO Information Booth, Missoula Heritage Fair, Missoula (May 9, 2009)
 - “*Local Historic Preservation*” CLG-public meeting, Hardin (May 13, 2009)
 - “*The Benefits of Historic Preservation*” keynote address, Lewistown Historic Preservation Awards ceremony, Lewistown (May 28, 2009)
 - Montana Historical Society/SHPO Information Booth, 1st annual Helena-Lewis & Clark County History Fair, Helena (May 30, 2009)
 - SHPO Information Booth, Montana Main Street Conference, Helena (September 28-29, 2009)
- Josef Warhank, Review and Compliance Officer
 - Organizer and Moderator: *Uncle Sam’s New Deal* session, Montana History Conference, Glasgow (Oct 17, 2008)
- Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist
 - Montana Archaeology Day!, Montana Historical Society, Helena (Oct 10, 2008)
 - Attendance: Rosebud and Wolf Mountains National Historic Landmarks commemoration, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer (October 29, 2008)
 - “*Archaeology and SHPO*” class lecture, University of Montana, Missoula (November 21, 2008)



- MHS Docents training, Montana Historical Society Museum, Helena (January 12, 2009)
 - “*Role of Montana SHPO*,” Chippewa-Cree Tribe CRM Training Workshop, Great Falls, (February 24, 2009)
 - Tour of Montana SHPO/MHS Homeland Exhibit, Helena College of Technology Montana Indian History class (April 30, 2009)
 - Montana Archaeology Day!, Montana Historical Society, Helena (September 29, 2009)
- ✓ Led by Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, organized and participated in the 6th Annual Montana Statewide Preservation Workshop held in conjunction with the 2008 Montana History Conference in Glasgow, October 16-18, 2008. This year’s forum included four preservation workshops: *When Preservation Gets Political* (featuring Susan West Montgomery, former President of Preservation Action), *Preserving Ugly* (multiple presenters), *Creative Mitigation and Innovative Stewardship* (featuring Alan Stanfill, formerly of Advisory Council on Historic Preservation), and *Preservation Grant Funding* (Roxann Lincoln, SHPO Preservation Grants Administrator). Also included were three preservation-related sessions (*Moveable Feast*; *Constructing History: Fort Peck Dam and Its Shanty Towns*; *Uncle Sam’s New Deal*), a CLG statewide meeting, a Montana Preservation Alliance sponsored opening reception, and a tour of Fort Peck dam and historic townsite. As in previous years, SHPO supported several travel scholarships for CLG participants to attend the 2008 conference and preservation workshop.



. FY 2009 Special Project: Play lead role in planning and hosting a Montana Tribal Heritage Resource Summit, in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: V.1, V.2, V.3, V.4).

- ✓ Allocated \$6,000 from 2009-2010 Preserve America grant (*Montana Places: Expanding the Cultural and Heritage Record of Montana*) to providing travel and support for a Montana Tribal Heritage Resource Summit in Helena, March 25-27, 2009.
- ✓ Led by SHPO State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, co-organized summit with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Montana Office (Marv Keller, BIA Heritage Resource Coordinator) in collaboration with the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs and Governor’s American Indian Nations (GAIN) Council.

- ✓ Hosted 22 tribal representatives, including all current Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, from every Montana reservation except the Crow Reservation, who did not attend. Following an initial tribal meeting, formed a Round Table council attended by an additional 20 people from state and federal agencies and other organizations involved with tribal preservation issues.



- ✓ Discussion topics included development of a possible statewide Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) consultation protocol; information sharing among Tribes on their internal procedures for addressing resource preservation in housing, roads, forestry, and other projects; Indian Heritage education; SHPO roles and responsibilities in heritage resource information management; BIA trust responsibility over THPOs; and concerns and advice concerning project/program specific topics and places, such as the Sweet Grass Hills, the lack of Montana Army National Guard (and state agency in general) consultation on the Limestone Hills in south-central Montana, the proposed Keystone Pipeline project, the proposed Montanore Mine in western Montana, the national Bureau of Land Management programmatic agreement, and Natural Resource Conservation Service cost-share and other activities on reservations.
- ✓ Information forwarded to the Governor's GAIN Council, including recommendations for need for cultural resource training for tribes and need for a State Elders Advisory Board to represent traditional and other heritage issues.
- ✓ Success of 2009 Montana Tribal Heritage Resources Summit measured in participant consensus that another summit should be held in the near future.

. FY2009 Special Project: Conclude planning and organization of the national 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) conference with co-hosting and sponsorship of the VAF meeting in Butte, June 10-13, 2009 (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.2, I.3, I.4, II.3, III.2, V.2).



- ✓ Nearly 3 years in the planning, the 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) Conference was held in Butte, June 10-13, 2009: www.vafmontana.org

- ✓ Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, co-chair of the conference, contributed hundreds of hours of work and volunteer time to the successful organization and implementation of the conference. Jackie Little, an architecture student from MSU-Bozeman, assisted Rolene as a volunteer intern during spring semester, 2009.

- ✓ Attended by 230 national and international participants as the first VAF conference held in Montana.

- ✓ 250 pg Guidebook with eight historical context essays and detailed architectural descriptions of 80 tour properties by 11 authors assisted by 41 volunteers.



- ✓ 41 pg Schedule outlining 42 professional papers, keynote public address, tours, and awards banquet.
- ✓ 16 sponsors, including Montana SHPO contribution of \$7,000 in Preserve America grant funding (*Montana Heritage Preservation Training Initiative*).
- ✓ Annual CLG training opportunity with representatives of six CLG communities attending the conference.

✓ Major community support: see *Big Sky Journal* article by Richard Gibson:
<http://www.bigskyjournal.com/articles/big-sky-journal/winter-2009/83/images-of-the-west-restoring-butte.html>

. FY2009 Special Project: Participate in the Montana Historical Society County History Initiative outreach program (2008-2012 Goals/Objectives: I.1, I.3, IV.1, V.2, V.3).

- ✓ The Montana Historical Society's FY2009 Montana County History Initiative worked with local steering committees to plan and host six regional workshop conferences around the state in Forsyth, Great Falls, Columbus, Sidney, Missoula, and Butte.



- ✓ MHS staff, including SHPO, traveled to these workshops to provide on-site presentations on a variety of requested topics, including historic preservation, archaeology, community history, archives and museum methods, oral history, and utilizing heritage education in the classroom.

- ✓ SHPO staff County History Initiative presentations:
 - Forsyth: Custer Country (November 7-8, 2008)
 - *Why Preserve? The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation* (Roxann Lincoln)
 - *Show Me the Money! Finding Preservation Dollars* (Roxann Lincoln)
 - Great Falls: Russell Country (March 26-27, 2009)
 - *Why Preserve? The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation* (Rolene Schliesman)
 - *Show Me the Money! Finding Preservation Dollars* (Rolene Schliesman)
 - Columbus: Yellowstone Country (April 24-25, 2009)
 - *Lost & Found: What to do if You Find an Archaeological Site* (Stan Wilmoth)
 - *Archaeology and Subdivisions* (Damon Murdo)
 - Sidney: Missouri River Country (May 1-2, 2009)
 - *Why Preserve? The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation* (Rolene Schliesman)
 - *Show Me the Money! Finding Preservation Dollars* (Roxann Lincoln)
 - Missoula: Glacier Country (May 7-9, 2009)
 - *Why Preserve? The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation* (Rolene Schliesman)
 - *Recognizing Place: Listing a Property in the National Register of Historic Places* (John Boughton)
 - *Seeking Clues to the Past: How to Research a Historic Property* (John Boughton)
 - Butte: Gold West Country (June 22-23, 2009)
 - *Seeking Clues to the Past: How to Research a Historic Property* (John Boughton)

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